

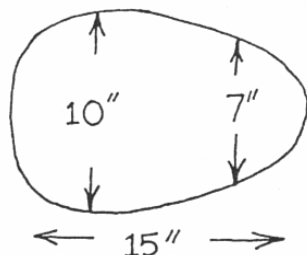
Make Your Own Pressing Equipment

Pressing equipment is an important part in shaping your garment during construction. Instead of purchasing, you have the option of making some of your tools. Follow these guidelines for the do-it-yourselfer.

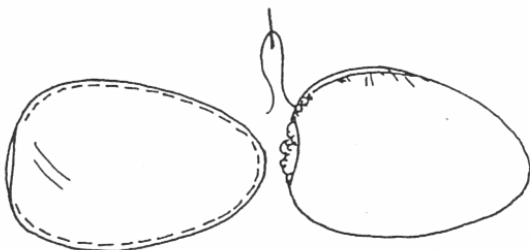
Tailor's Ham

A tailor's ham may be made in various sizes, but should be a "ham" shape. This can be made with one side being wool and the other cotton.

- Cut one piece 10 by 15 inches from firmly woven cotton. (Be sure to launder first to remove all sizing.) Cut the second piece from firmly woven wool fabric. Round one end as shown.

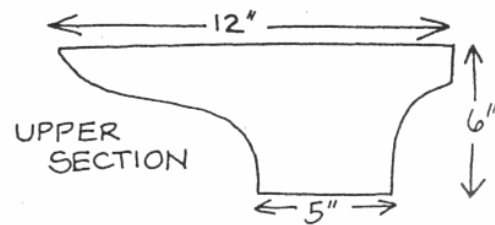


- Stitch with a ½-inch seam, leaving 4 inches open at the wide end.
- Turn right side out. Stuff firmly with cut up wool scraps or sawdust.
- Close opening with hand stitches.

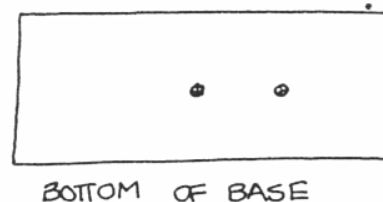
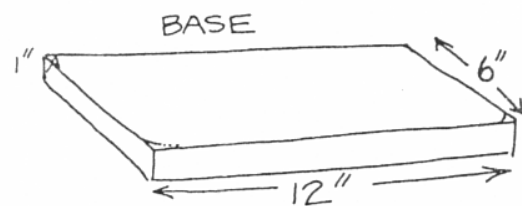


Seam Board and Point Presser

You will need a 1-inch by 6-inch by 2-foot board. Cut as shown. The point is shaped and tapered on the sides and underneath.

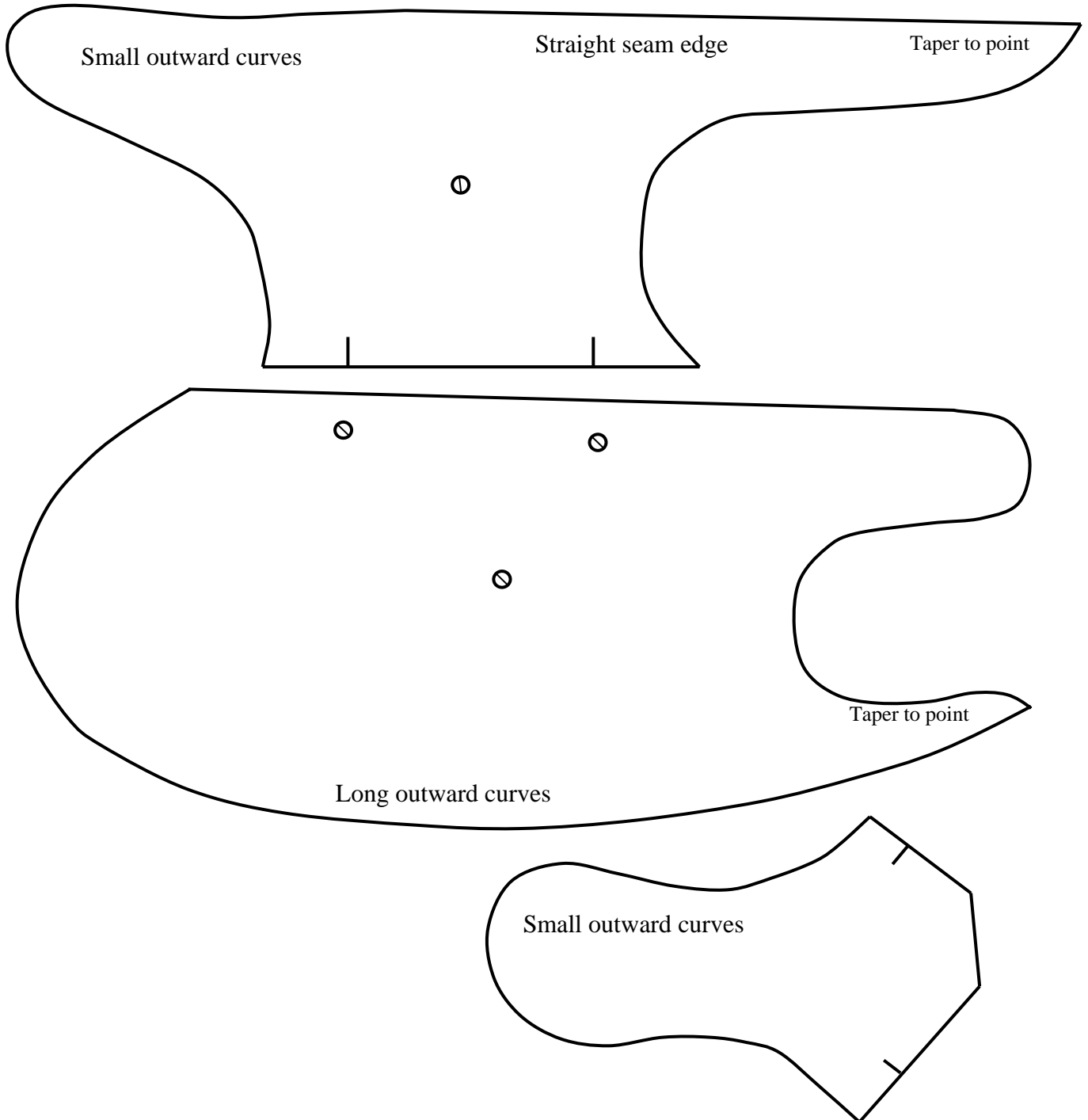


Sand until smooth; join with glue and screws from the bottom.



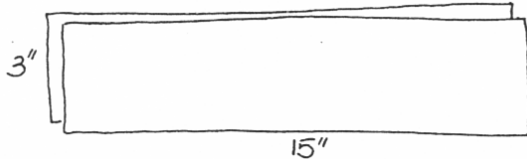
Half Scale Pressing Board for all Curves

Enlarge pattern 200 percent for full size pattern. Use 1 inch hardwood and secure with screws at marked locations. Taper both pointed ends for pressing sharp corners. You will need a 1-inch by 6-inch by 3-foot board for the full size board.

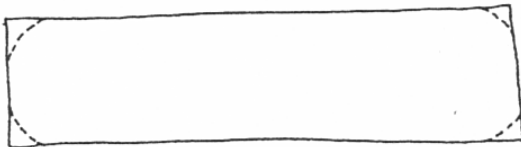


Seam Roll -- Method A

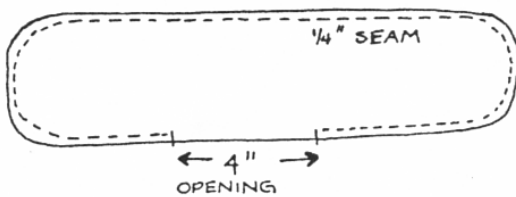
- Cut two pieces of heavy cotton muslin, canvas or drill; or cut one piece of cotton and cut the other piece of wool 3 by 15 inches. (Be sure to launder cotton to remove sizing.)



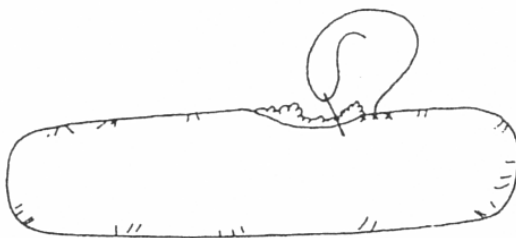
- Round off corners.



- Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seams leaving a 4-inch opening on one side. Stuff with cotton, cut up wool scraps, or sawdust.

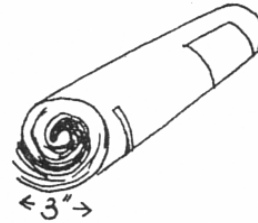


- Close with tiny hand stitches.

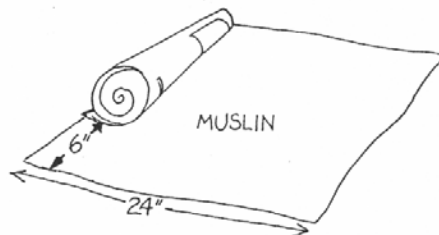


Seam Roll -- Method B

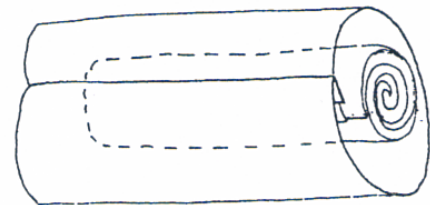
- Roll a magazine or magazines tightly into about a 3-inch roll. Wrap with thread to hold in place.



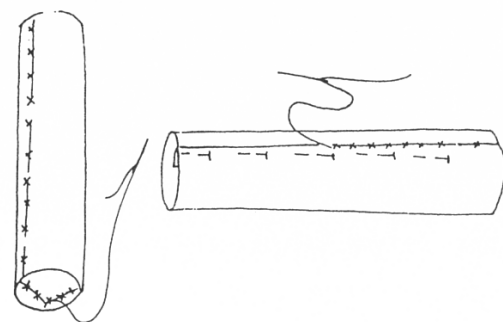
- Cut muslin 6 inches longer than the magazine roll and 24 inches wide.



- Wrap muslin around magazines.



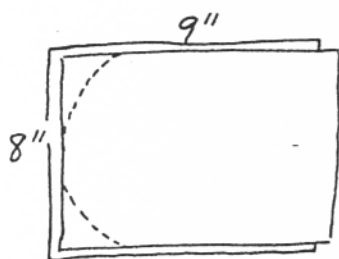
- Pin. Hand stitch. Tuck fabric in at each end and hand stitch in place.



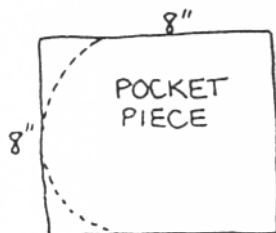
Pressing Mitt

Use a heavy cotton muslin, drill, or canvas. Wool may be used on one side. (Be sure to launder to remove all sizing from cotton.)

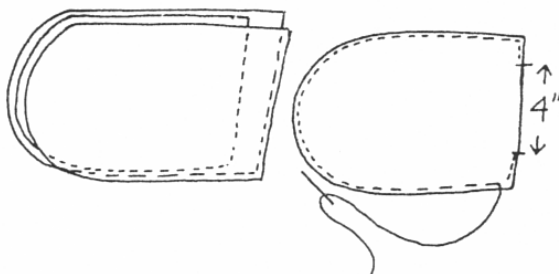
- Cut two pieces 8 by 9 inches and round on one end, as shown.



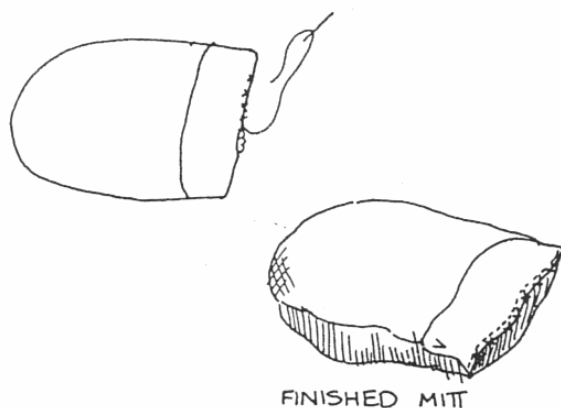
- Cut one piece 8 by 8 inches for the pocket, round end to match larger pieces. Hem straight edge by turning under ¼ inch.



- Sew the three pieces together with the "pocket" between the other pieces. Stitch a ¼-inch seam. Leave the top open 4 inches.



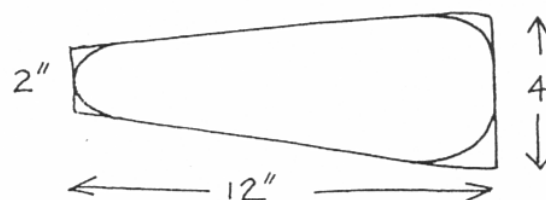
- Turn right side out. Stuff with cotton, cut up wool scraps, or sawdust. Hand stitch opening closed.



Clapper

The clapper is made from a piece of 2-inch thick heavy wood that is approximately 2 pounds in weight.

- Cut wood according to diagram, tapering sides as shown and round off each end.



- Using a round chisel or power tool, groove out each side so it can be held. Sand until smooth.



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